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Hoekstra to Host Small Business Finance Workshop

U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra will host two small business finance workshops on Tuesday, December 16 in Muskegon and Holland.

The goal of the workshops is to bring various financial resources available into one location to provide small businesses with an opportunity to meet with them and proactively look at various options available during the current economic crisis.

The following presenters will outline the assistance available, provide updates on the current market and be available to discuss opportunities one-on-one with businesses:

- U.S. Small Business Administration
- Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center
- Lakeshore 504 Program
- Procurement and Technical Assistance Center
- Michigan Banking Industry and Michigan Credit Union Industry

The events will be held in Muskegon from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Michigan Alternative and Renewable Energy Center, 200 Viridian Drive, and from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Holland at the Hope College Maas Auditorium, 264 Columbia Avenue.

Veterans Affairs to Open Clinic in Wexford

The Department of Veterans Affairs has announced that it intends to establish an outpatient clinic in Wexford County, which is expected to open in 2010.

The Community-Based Outpatient Clinic is designed to improve access for high-priority enrolled veterans in rural areas to primary and specialty care. It will be located in an area that will greatly reduce driving time, and is expected to serve 1,800 patients in its first year. It will employ six full-time employees. Services will include primary care and mental health services.

Hoekstra Condemns Potential CIA Cover-Up in Death of Bowers Family

U.S. Rep. Hoekstra, the top Republican on the House Intelligence Committee, strongly criticized rogue CIA employees after a CIA Inspector General report concluded that they had attempted to block congressional and federal investigations into the agency's role in a shoot-down of a plane carrying the Bowers family in Peru.

Hoekstra called for the House Intelligence Committee to hold hearings into the incident involving the Bowers and potential attempts by the CIA to obstruct previous congressional inquiries into the matter.

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